GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:321
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MANPOWER OF BSF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing manpower in Border Security Force (BSF) is sufficient for effective discharge of duties on the borders as well as in counter-insurgency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase more battalions in its force?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d) : The requirement of manpower for border guarding and counter-insurgency duties is regularly assessed and decisions taken regarding raising of additional Companies. 157 Companies (equivalent to 22Â½ Battalions) have been raised by Border Security Force since 2001.